

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING  
EDUCATION**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**OPEN SESSION**

**May 11, 2009**

**The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:34 am on the above date in conference room B, Department of Administration, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable sections of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island as amended.**

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING**

**Jeannine Borozny, RN**

**Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN**

**Sandra Megerdichian, RN, MS**

**Sharon Smith, RN, MS, President**

**Manuela Raposa**

**Joslin Leasca, RN, MS, RNP, Vice President**

**Kristen Maymon, LPN**

**Catherine Rose, RN MS, Secretary**

**Peggy Matteson, RN, PhD**

**Catherine Rose, RN MS, Secretary**

**Cristiana Rosa, MS, RN, PCNS**

## **BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

**Michael Gerhardt**

**Ann Tierney, RN, CRNA**

**Theresa Jeremiah, RN Peggy Matteson, RN, PhD**

**Michael Gerhardt**

## **STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**Pamela McCue, Director**

**Linda Tetu-Mouradjian, RN, Compliance Officer**

### **1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

**Sharon Smith called the meeting to order at 8:34 am. A quorum was established at this time.**

### **2. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF April 13, 2009**

**On motion of Joslin Leasca and seconded by Jeannie Borozny it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes of April 13, 2009.**

### **3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**No Report**

### **4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Ms McCue reported to the Board that she was in receipt of a letter from New England Institute of Technology informing the Board that**

they are ready for a site visit and suggested dates in July for this to occur. Ms McCue informed the Board that she arrange the dates of the site visit with the sub committee.

Ms McCue informed the Board that NCSBN will be hosting a conference for Nurse Investigators and Nurse Attorneys of Boards of Nursing in Providence from May 19 through the 21st.

Ms McCue also recognized RISNA for their successful Nurse Days event last week.

## **5. BUSINESS**

a) Request to Amend the MSN Faculty Requirement-Rebecca Burke, RNC, MS Miriam

Hospital

Ms Burke presented a document describing the proposal to amend the regulations. She stated the Deans of the schools of nursing were in support of this initiative. Ms Burke also stated that her organization would not oppose a sunset clause to this new regulation if adopted. Board member, Ms Megerdichain remarked that she preferred the proposal to include only those applicants with “recent” clinical experience. Ms burke was in agreement to this comment. There was discussion whether a matriculating student in a MSN program would be qualified for a clinical faculty position. Further discussion ensued. Upon motion of Ms Smith, seconded by Ms Maymon, the

**Board voted to endorse the proposal with Ms McCue drafting the final language for Board approval.**

**b) Request to amend the regulation relating to licensing of foreign trained nurses**

**Ms Sylvia Weber spoke to the proposal for the amendment of the regulations to allow accredited and qualified companies to conduct the credential and educational evaluation of foreign-born nurses. Currently the regulations require the use of the Commission on Graduate Foreign Nurse Service (CGFNS). Supporters of the proposal spoke to the fact there are other options available to meet the same need/regulations of the Board but are less costly to the applicant and may provide a quicker turn around to the Board. Upon motion of Ms Maymon, seconded by Ms Borozny, the Board voted to accept this proposal.**

## **6. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **7. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**On motion of Ms. Matteson, seconded by J. Borozny it was unanimously voted to move into Executive Session pursuant to 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws for the discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants**

licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. The Open Session adjourned at 9:39am.

## **8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS**

Ms Smith called the Open Session back to order at 12:01pm.

## **9. VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS OF 42-46-5 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS**

On motion of Ms. Rosa, seconded by Ms. Rodrigues, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in the Executive Session and to seal those minutes in as much as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

## **10. PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS**

The following actions were ratified by the Board

Patricia Pettitpas PCNS – Reprimand her license

Clayton Bennett, RN - Reprimand his license

Gayle J. Gaboriault -Reprimand her license and require continuing education

In the following cases were voted a finding of No Unprofessional conduct

RN09-012

RN07-30

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Ms. Jeremiah, and seconded by Ms. Tierney, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 1:00 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted by,**

**Genevieve Rodriques, LPN**